Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

July 2008

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.1 percent between June 2008 and July 2008 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 0.1 percent and fell 0.2 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the July All-items Index decreased from June 2008 primarily due to lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, housing (replacement cost), and gasoline. Prices also fell for footwear, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), and household textiles.

Moderating these decreases were higher prices for women's clothing and homeowners' maintenance and repairs. Prices also rose for food purchased from restaurants, men's clothing, processed meat, and preserved fruit and fruit preparations.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 3.2 percent between July 2007 and July 2008 while the Canada All-items Index increased 3.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 3.4 percent and 3.5 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The July All-items Index increased from July 2007 primarily due to higher costs for gasoline, housing (replacement cost), and homeowners' maintenance and repairs. Prices also rose for rent and food purchased from restaurants.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, natural gas, and the purchase and operation of recreational vehicles. Prices also fell for recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), footwear, fresh fruit, and home entertainment equipment parts and services.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index		Percent Change	
	July 2008	June 2008	June 2008 to July 2008	July 2007 to July 2008
	(2002 = 100)			
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	116.9	117.0	-0.1	3.2
Food	115.9	115.0	0.8	3.8
Shelter	135.2	135.0	0.1	8.4
Household Operations and Furnishings	101.4	101.6	-0.2	0.5
Clothing and Footwear	95.5	93.9	1.7	-1.4
Transportation	120.1	121.5	-1.2	2.7
Health and Personal Care	105.1	105.7	-0.6	-0.9
Recreation, Education and Reading	104.4	104.5	-0.1	-0.4
Tobacco and Alcohol	128.5	128.8	-0.2	2.2
All-Items Excluding Energy	113.3	113.4	-0.1	2.4
Energy	150.9	151.4	-0.3	8.9
CANADA				
All-Items	115.8	115.4	0.3	3.4
Food	116.5	115.8	0.6	3.7
Shelter	123.3	122.3	0.8	5.4
Household Operations and Furnishings	104.4	104.3	0.1	1.2
Clothing and Footwear	93.3	92.5	0.9	-1.4
Transportation	125.7	125.8	-0.1	6.1
Health and Personal Care	108.5	108.7	-0.2	0.9
Recreation, Education and Reading	103.2	102.9	0.3	0.2
Tobacco and Alcohol	127.6	127.7	-0.1	1.3
All-Items Excluding Energy	111.5	111.3	0.2	1.6
Energy	169.1	165.3	2.3	21.1
REGINA				
All-Items	116.3	116.2	0.1	3.4
SASKATOON				
All-Items	118.1	118.3	-0.2	3.5

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	June 2008 to July 2008	July 2007 to July 2008
Canada	0.3	3.4
Newfoundland	0.8	4.2
Prince Edward Island	0.4	5.3
Nova Scotia	0.0	4.2
New Brunswick	0.3	2.5
Quebec	0.0	3.2
Ontario	0.8	3.6
Manitoba	0.5	2.6
Saskatchewan	-0.1	3.2
Alberta	-0.6	3.5
British Columbia	0.5	3.3
Whitehorse	0.6	4.2
Yellowknife	0.0	4.6
Iqaluit	1.0	2.5

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	June 2008 to July 2008	July 2007 to July 2008
St. John's	0.9	4.2
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.3	5.1
Halifax	0.0	4.0
Saint John	0.4	2.6
Quebec City	0.0	3.0
Montreal	0.1	3.1
Ottawa	0.9	3.5
Toronto	1.0	3.8
Thunder Bay	0.8	3.2
Winnipeg	0.5	2.6
Regina	0.1	3.4
Saskatoon	-0.2	3.5
Edmonton	-0.1	4.0
Calgary	-0.7	3.3
Vancouver	0.7	3.6
Victoria	0.3	2.9
Whitehorse	0.6	4.2
Yellowknife	0.0	4.6
Iqaluit	1.0	2.5

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